WHITTAKER'S

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The trio looked at each other in hesitation. Then Mr. Atkins majestically entered the dining room. Thomas and Simpson followed him

"Abe," observed Captain Cy to Leonard, who was advancing toward the steps, "I'm sorry not to be hospitable. but there's too many of you to invite at once, and 'tain't polite to show partiality. You and the rest are welcome to sit on the terrace or stroll round the deer park. Good night."

He closed the door in the face of the disappointed Abel and turned to the three in the room.

"Well," he said, "out with it. You've come to claim somethin', I understand."

"I come for my rights!" shouted Mr. Thomas.

"Yes? Well, this ain't state prison or I'd give 'em to you with pleasure. Heman, you'd better do the talkin' We'll probably get ahead faster."

The honorable cleared his throat and waved his hand. "Cyrus," he began, "you are my boyhood friend and my fellow townsman

and neighbor. Under such circumstances it gives me pain"-"Then don't let us discuss painful subjects. Let's get down to business. You've come to rescue Bos'n-Emily, that is-from the 'robber'-I'm quotin' Deacon Thomas here-that's got her, so's to turn her over to her sorrowin'

father. Is that it? Yes? Well, you can't have her-not yet." "Cyrus," said Mr. Atkins, "I'm sor ry to see that you take it this way. You haven't the shadow of a right We have the law with us, and your conduct will lead us to invoke it. The

constable is outside. Shall I call him

"Uncle Bedny" was the town constable and had been since before the war. The purely honorary office was given him each year as a joke. Cap-tain Cy grinned broadly, and even Tad was obliged to smile.

"Don't be inhuman, Heman," urged the captain. "You wouldn't turn me over to be manhandled by Uncle Bedny, would you?"

This is not a humorous affair"- began the congressman, with dignity. But the "bereaved father" had been prospecting on his own hook, and now he peeped into the sitting room.

"Here she is!" he shouted. "I see her! Come on, Emmie! Your dad's come for you. Let go of her, you woman! What do you mean by holdin' on to her?"

The situation, which was "not humorous," immediately became much less so. The next minute was a lively one. It ended as Mr. Thomas was picked up by Tad from the floor, where he had fallen, having been pushed violently over a chair by Captain Cy. Bos'n, frightened and sobbing, was clinging wildly to Miss Dawes, who had clung just as firmly to her. The

captain's voice rang through the room.
"That's enough," he said, "That's enough and some over. Atkins, take that feller out this house and off my As for the girl that's to fight out in the courts. I'm her guardian, lawfully appointed, and you nor nobody else can touch her while that appointment's good. Here it is, right here. Now look at it and clear

He held for the congressman's inspection the document which, inclosed in the long envelope, had been received that morning. His visit to Ostable, made some weeks before, had been for the purpose of applying to the probate court for the appointment as Emily's guardian. He had applied before the news of her father's coming to life reached him. The appointment itself had arrived just in time.

Mr. Atkins studied the document "Humph!" he grunted. "Humph! 1 see. Well, sir, I have some influence in this section, and I shall see how long your-your trick will prevent the child's going where she belongs. wish you to understand that I shall continue this fight to the very last."

"Yup. So I've heard. Well, Heman, I ain't as well up in tricks as you claim to be, nor my stockin' isn't as well padded as yours maybe. But while there's a ten cent piece left in the toe of it I'll fight you and the skunk whose 'rights' you seem to have taken such a shine to-and, after that, while there's a lawyer that'll trust me. And meantime that little girl stays right here, and you touch

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But the honorable's dignity had returned. Possibly be thought be had said too much already. A moment later the door banged behind the discomforted boarding party.

Captain Cy pulled his beard and

"Well, we repelled 'em, didn't we?" he observed. "But, as friend Heman says, the beginnin's only begun. I wish he hadn't seen you here, teacher,

Miss Dawes looked up from the task

of stroking poor Bos'n's hair, "I don't." she said. "I'm glad of it." Then she added, laughing nervously: "Cap'n Whittaker, how could you be so cool? It was like a play. I declare you were just splendid!"

CHAPTER XIV.

AYPORT was boiling over with rumor and surmise. Heman D had appealed to the asking that Captain Cy's appointment as Bos'n's guardian be rescinded. Cy had hired Lawyer Penbody of Ostable to look out for his interests.

Angeline Phinney was having the time of her life. The perfect board-ing house hummed like a fly trap. Keturah and Mrs. Tripp had deserted to the enemy, and the minority-meaning Asaph and Bailey-had little opportunity to defend their friend's cause, even if they had dared. Heman Atkins, his Christian charity and high mindedness, his devotion to duty regardless of political consequences and the magnificent speech at town meeting were lauded and exalted. The Bayport Breeze contained a full account of the meeting, and it was read aloud by Keturah amid hymns of praise from the elect.

Up at the Cy Whittaker place the days were full ones. There also legal questions were discussed with Georgianna, the board of strategy, Josiah Dimick occasionally and more infrequently still Miss Dawes as participants with Captain Cy in the discussions. Rumors were true in so far as they related to Mr. Atkins' appeal to the courts and the captain's retaining Lawyer Peabody of Ostable. Mr. Peabody's opinion of the case was not encouraging.

"You see, captain." he said when his client visited him at his office, "the odds are very much against us. The court appointed you as guardian with the understanding that this man Thomas was dead. Now he is alive and claims his child. More than that, he has the most influential politician in this county back of him. We wouldn't stand a fighting chance except for one thing-Thomas himself. He left his wife and the baby; deserted them, so she said; went to get work, he says. • We can prove he was a drunken blackguard before he went and that he has been drunk since he came back. But they'll say-Atkins and his lawyer-that the man was desperate and despairing because of your refusal to give him his child. They'll hold him up as a repentant sinner anxlous to reform and needing the little

girl's influence to help keep him straight. That's their game, and they'll play it-be sure of that. It sounds reasonable enough, too, for sinners have repented before now. And the long lost father coming back to his child is the one sure thing to win applause from the gallery-you know that." Captain Cy nodded.

He stopped, rose and, striding over to the window, stood looking out. "How does she feel about it herself?" asked Peabody.

"Her? Bos'n? Why, that's the hardest of all. Some of the children at school pester her about her father. I don't know's you can blame 'emyoung ones are made that way, I guess -but she comes home to me cryin', and it's 'Oh. Uncle Cy, he ain't my truly father, is he? and 'You won't let him take me away from you, will you? till it seems as if I should fly out of the window. The poor little thing! And that puffed up humbug Atkins blowin' about his Christianity and all! I've seen heathen Injuns. who never heard of Christ, with more of His spirit inside 'em. There! I've shocked you, I guess. Sometimes I think this place is too narrer and cramped for me. I've been around, you know, and my New England bringin' up has wore thin in spots Seem's if I must get somewheres and spread out or I'll bust."

He threw himself into a chair. The lawyer clapped him on the shoulder. "There, there, captain," he said "Don't 'bust' yet awhile. Don't give up the ship. If we lose in one court we can appeal to another, and so on up the line. And meantime we'll do a little investigating of friend Thomas' career since he left Concord. I've written to a legal acquaintance of mine in Butte, giving him the facts as we know them and a description of Thomas. He will try to find on what the fellow did in his years out west. It's our best chance, as i told you. Keep your pluck up and wait

and see." The captain repeated this conversation to the board of strategy when he returned to Bayport. Miss Dawes had walked home from school with

"Captain Whittaker," she asked, "has Atkins should take such an interest in this matter? He is giving time and counsel and money to help this man Thomas, who is a perfect stranger to him. Why does he do it?"

Captain Cy smiled. "Why?" he repeated. "Why, to down me, of course. I was gettin' too ever-lastin' prominent to politics to suit

him. I'd got you in as teacher, and I had Lonzo Snow as good as licked for school committee. Goodness knows what I might have run for next, 'cordin' to Heman's reasonin', and I simply had to be smashed. It worked all right. I'm so unhealthy now in the sight of most folks in this town that I cal'inte they go home and sulphur smoke their clothes after they meet me, so's not to catch my wickedness." But the teacher shook her head.

"That doesn't seem reason enough to me," she declared. "Just see what Mr. Atkins has done. He never openly advocated anything in town meeting before. You said so yourself. Even when he must have realized that you had the votes for committeeman he kept still. He might have taken many of them from you by simply



"DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP."

coming out and declaring for Mr. Snow, but he didn't. And then all at once he takes this astonishing stand. Captain Whittaker, Mr. Tidditt says that the night of Emily's birthday party you and he told who she was by accident and that Mr. Atkins seemed very much surprised and upset. Is that so?"

Captain Cy laughed: "His lemonade was upset. That's all I noticed special. Oh, yes! And he lost his hat off goin' home. what of it? What are you drivin' at now?"

"I was wondering if-if it could be that for some reason Mr. Atkins had a spite against Emily or her people or if he had any reason to fear her." "Fear! Fear Bos'n? Oh, my, that's

funny! You've been readin' novels, I'm afraid, teacher, though I didn't suspect it of you." He laughed heartily. Miss Dawes

smiled, too, but she still persisted. "Well," she said. "I don't know. Perhaps it is because I'm a woman and politics doesn't mean as much to me as to you men, but to me political reasons don't seem strong enough to account for such actions as those of Mr. Atkins. Emily's mother was a Thayer, wasn't she? And the Thayers once lived in Orham. I wish we could find

out more about them while they lived there." Asaph Tidditt pulled his beard

thoughtfully. "Well," he observed, "I was kind of cal'latin' to go to Orham next week on a little visit. Seth Wingate over there -Barzilla Wingate's cousin, Whit-is a sort of relation of mine. Seth's been Orham town clerk about as long as I've been the Bayport one, and he's lived there all his life. What he don't know about Orham folks ain't wuth

knowin'. If you say so I'll pump him about the Thayers and the Richards." So it was settled that Mr. Wingate should be subjected to process when Asaph visited him. He departed for this visit the following week and remained away for ten days. Meanwhile several things happened in

One of these things was the farewell of the Hon, Heman Atkins. Congress was to open at Washington, and the honorable heeded the call of duty Alicia and the housekeeper went with him, and the big house was closed for the winter.

And on the day following Mr. Thomas, the prodigal father, also left town. A position in Boston had been offered him, he said, and he felt that he must accept it.

"Position offered him! Um-ya-as! quoth Dimick, the cynical, in conversation with Captain Cy. "Inspector of sidewalks, I shouldn't wender. Well. please don't ask me if I think Heman sent him to Boston so's to have him out of the way and 'cause he'd feel consider'ble safer than if he was loose down here. Don't ask me that, for, with my strict scruples against the truth I might say no. As it is, I say

nothin' and wink my port eye." The ten day visit ended, Mr. Tidditt returned to Bayport. On the afternoon of his return be and Bailey called at the Whittaker place, and there they were joined by Miss Dawes, who had been summoned to the conclave by a note intrusted to Bos'n.

"Now, Ase," ordered Captain Cy as the quartet gathered in the sitting room, "here we are, hangin' on your words, as the feller said. Don't keep us strung up too long. What did you find out?"

"Well," said Mr. Tidditt, with a giare at Bangs, "I asked Seth about the Hardman, Joseph Baker, at city hall.

Thayers and the Richards folks the Trenton and Cornish — Parley Mer very fust night I struck Orham. He

remembered 'em "Folks used to call John Thayer a smart young feller, so Seth said. They used to cal'late that he'd rise high to the seafarin' and shipownin' line. Maybe he would, only he died some wheres in Californy long in '54 or therezbouts. 'Twas the time of the gold craziness out there, and he left his ship and went gold huntin'. And

the next thing they shew he was cently and buried."

"When was that?" inquired the "In '54, I tell you. So Seth says."

"What ship was he on?" asked Bal-"Wan't on any ship. Why don't you

listen instead of settin' there moonin'? He was gold diggin', I tell you." "He'd been on a ship, hadn't he? What was the name of her?" "I didn't ask. What diff'rence does

that make?" "Wasn't Mr. Atkins at sea in those days?" put in the teacher. The cap-

"Yes, he was," he said-"that is, I think he was. He was away from here when I skipped out, and he didn't get back till '61 or therabouts." "So that was all you could find out.

hey, Ase?" asked the captain. "Well, it's at least as much as I expected You see, teacher, these story book notions don't work out when it comes to real life."

Miss Dawes was plainly disappoint

"I wish we knew more," she said Who was on this ship with Mr. Thay er, and who sent the news of his death home?"

"Oh, I can tell you that," said Asaph "Twas some one hoss doctor out there, gold minin' himself, he was. John died of a quick fever; got cold and went off in no time. Seth remembered that much, though he couldn't remem ber the doctor's name. He said if I wanted to learn more about the Thayers I might go see— Humph, well, never mind that. "Twas just foolish ness, anybow."

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L. Olsen, Robert A. Leatham, at Col lege school house. Mount Sterling-David Murray, Willard Baxter John Redford, at school

For Representative Disctrict No. 3. Smithfield-C. J. Plowman, Samuel Hunt, James A. Cragun, at city hall. Hyde Park-Simpson Thurston, Lars Christenson, Arthur Petersen, at

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